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SUBJ: KEKKONEN TO MEET KOSYGIN AT SVETOGORSK

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1. FINLAND'S PRESIDENT URHO KEKKONEN WILL MEET WITH SOVIET PREMIER ALEXKSEI KOSYGIN FOR A FEW HOURS ON SEPT 1 AT SVETOGORSK. MEETING WILL MARK OFFICIAL COMPLETION OF FIRST PHASE OF CONSTRUCTION AT INDUSTRIAL SITE AND SIGNING OF AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH FINNISH CONTRACTORS WILL OPERATE FOR PROJECTS SECOND PHASE. SVETOGORSK WAS KNOWN AS ENSO WHEN IT WAS PART OF FINLAND BEFORE WORLD WAR II AND IS JUST ACROSS BORDER FROM FINNIHS CITY OF IMATRA.

2. FINNISH GOVERNMENT DECISION TO GUARANTEE SECOND PHASE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BROKE PROTRACTED NEGOTIATING DEADLOCK AND MADE SIGNING POSSIBLE. EXTENSION OF (K-GUARANTEES", ALREADY FAMILIAR IN METAL INDUSTRY, TO CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IS A NEW DEPARTURE
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FOR FINNISH GOVERNMENT. DECISION PRESAGES THEIR USE

FOR OTHER FINNISH CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN USSR --
E.G. KOSTAMUS AND PAAJARVI. (DETAILS FOLLOWING BY
SEPTTEL).

3. KEKKONEN/KOSYGIN MEETING ANNOUNCED SAME DAY
(AUG 28) AS US AND USSR REPRESENTATIVES TO KEKKONEN
BIRTHDAY (HELSINKI 1908). SINCE KOSYGIN PRESENCE
AT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS WIDELY PREDICTED IN RECENT
DAYS, MEETING IN SVETOGORSK AVERTS SPECULATION THAT
KEKKONEN'S STOCK IN MOSCOW HAD FALLEN AND MAINTAINS
TRADITION OF LATE SUMMER/EARLY AUTUMN KEKKONEN MEETING
WITH MEMBER OF SOVIET TRIUMVIRATE.
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